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§29(2)

This application is rejected under the following reasons. A response should be filed within sixty days from the mailing date of this communication.

REASON(s)

The present invention defined by the following claim(s) is rejected under §29 (2) because it could easily have been made by a person of ordinary skill in the art to which the present invention is pertains, on the basis of the inventions described in the publications listed below, which were distributed in Japan or in foreign countries or made available to the public via electric communication lines prior to the filing of the present patent application.

LIST OF CITED REFERENCE(s)

1. JP 11-170634A
2. JP 2000-172832A
3. JP 2000-227848A
4. JP 08-088780A
5. JP 09-238265A

NOTE(s)

Claims: 1 to 26

Cited References: 1 to 5

Each of the references 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 discloses a technique of converting the color space of an image into a color space that is different from the original color space, based on the information attached to or associated with the image. A person skilled in the art, therefore, could have easily arrived at the invention of the claims 1 to 26 of the present application on the basis of the inventions disclosed in the references 1 to 5.

Furthermore, it is within the range of design variation for a person skilled in the art to select a target color space of the conversion (within the range of known color spaces).

If any reason(s) for refusal is newly found, it will be notified.

#### Search Record

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